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Mahoney reflects on years in education

Ellen Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Assistant Principal Joan Mahoney didn't want to simply be an administrator but an administrator at O'Gorman. Though the atmosphere of the school is overall the same, much has changed throughout her career, including her job description.

Before working at O'Gorman, Mahoney worked part time in Germany, South Carolina and Colorado for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and their basic skills education program. This included working with adult education and incoming U.S. military members.

Upon returning to Sioux Falls with her family, working for the Sioux Falls Catholic School System seemed natural. She enrolled her children at Christ the King and applied for the first job available with the system.

"It's kind of where I always wanted to be," said Mahoney. "I had this goal that I wanted to have my kids come through the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools."

Mahoney rose to the rank of assistant principal after teaching freshman,

senior and AP English.

"I just saw it as a logical step in my career here at O'Gorman," said Mahoney. "I wanted to still be able to have contact with students but to also be able to work with teachers in a leadership role."

As assistant principal, Mahoney has many responsibilities. Some of the main ones include curriculum and assessment for grades 7-12, instructional supervision for half the faculty, and student issues such as attendance, discipline, dress code and peer relations.

With her transition from teacher to assistant principal, she said that it was more difficult or challenging than it should've been because her first year as an administrator was also her son's senior year.

"My children were used to having their mom in the building as a teacher, but then this was kind of like taking it to a whole new level," said Mahoney.

Though Mahoney admits there are obvious drawbacks to having children go through the same school one teaches at, the benefits offset them.

"There is the reward of being very

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ELLEN NELSON / KNIGHT SCROLL

Asst. Principal Joan Mahoney talks to the *Knight Scroll* about her role as an administrator. She has worked for the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools for 21 years.

New TVs promote student awareness

Frankie Maxwell
Ellen Nelson

Since the start of school, students may have noticed several new TVs set up around the building. By the end of the first semester, there will be a total of four TVs scrolling announcements in addition to the four in front of the PAC.

"Our purpose and goal is that we want to help continue our students to take ownership in understanding what is going on in the school without having a piece of paper being passed around," said principal Kyle Groos.

Eventually, the paper bulletin may go away entirely.

The biggest challenge for students will be getting into that habit of looking at the TVs, said Groos. "The purpose for this is because this is what it will be like in college, and we want the students to be prepared for that."

The four TVs set up outside the PAC will not be used for announcement purposes. These four will be used for marketing and advertising as well as showcasing student talents.

The new TVs were in the plan for the new building all along. However, the installation date was still in question.

Students are both excited and apprehensive about the TV announcements.

"The TVs are a modern way to connect and reach out to the students," said senior Kayla Hillberg. "But the paper announcements should still be read so that students don't miss important information."

Fundraiser returns with hope of reaching goal

Frankie Maxwell
Entertainment Co-Editor

The O'Gorman magazine drive fundraiser is back in action this year.

The magazine drive is a fundraiser that the whole student body participates in to raise money for O'Gorman.

"The magazine drive is very important for the school," said Assistant Principal Joan Mahoney. "It is the one fundraiser to ask the students to take part in, so it is a big deal."

In the past two years the school goal for the magazine sales were not met.

Senior Michael Payne, has faith in the student body in making the goal this year.

"It is very impressive at how all of the students sell as much as we do," said Payne.

Senior John Schoppert also believes that

the student body will pull through in meeting this year's goal.

"Go big or go home with magazines," said Schoppert. "This year everyone will go big."

When selling magazines students have different approaches at going about it.

**"Go big or go home
with magazines"
-John Schoppert**

"I pretty much go door to door and ask people if they would like to buy magazines," said Schoppert. "I have to do what I have to do to sell."

Michael Payne has a different approach to selling magazines. He feels that his ap-

porach will help improve his sales from last year.

"I'm just going to use my brother's old magazine sales and ask those people to renew the magazines," said Payne. "I like this approach because it is easy and I will sell a lot more than I used to."

Payne says that the sales will pick up this year from the senior class because seniors will receive open campus as an award.

"The seniors have more incentive to sell when offered open campus," said Payne. "I also feel that the underclassmen will step up this year in magazine sales."

Mahoney believes that this year will be a successful drive.

"Knowing the O'Gorman students we will have another good drive," said Mahoney. "They never dissappoint."

Sioux Falls to vote on building events center

Jake Schreck
Entertainment Co-Editor

On Nov. 8, the citizens of Sioux Falls will vote on whether to allow the city to build a new events center. The idea for a new events center has been a long time in the making, and now the idea has become a reality.

"The city has actually been discussing this for over 13 years now. There have been multiple task forces put to-

gether to try to get a new events center built for our town, however it has never come this far before," said Mayor Mike Huether.

The multi-purpose events center would sit adjacent to the current Sioux Falls Arena/Convention Center and would seat up to 13,000 for certain events.

The new arena would be home to Sioux Falls' professional teams and would also be used for smaller sporting

events, concerts, ice shows, trade shows, and even rodeos.

To upgrade Sioux Falls' events center to the level of facilities in Omaha, Minneapolis and other cities in the Midwest, many things had to be taken into consideration for both employees and fan experience, according to architect Mark Cotter.

"So many elements of building design

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Projected design for the proposed multi-purpose events center. Sioux Falls citizens will vote Nov. 8 on whether to build it.

Health trends become increasingly popular

Cassie Wilka
Activities Co-Editor

In recent years, health trends have been making headlines. Celebrities, sports stars and even the First Lady have been promoting healthy diets and lifestyles.

In the O’Gorman community many have tagged along in the trend of trying a healthier lifestyle.

Participating in sports isn’t the only way one can have an active everyday life. Senior Laura Rezac plays volleyball during the fall but attempts to stay active through various activities the rest of the year.

“When volleyball is over it’s easy to get lazy,” said Rezac. “But I try my best to go to fun classes like Zumba and kick boxing with my friends at the gym.”

Mr. Lindemann does his work outs to relieve stress and feel better.

“Diet has a slight edge over exercise as far as weight control,” said Lindemann. “But really both are very important.”

Lindemann, who ran the Sioux Falls Half Marathon this fall, took up running to make weight for wrestling in high school. His beneficial habit stuck with him



TOM BRESKE / KNIGHT SCROLL

Students have started packing lunches with healthier options. This student is one of many who hope to lead healthier everyday lives.

throughout his life.

“The two prominent health trends are Zumba and Crossfit,” said Lindemann, “Neither have I tried.”

Aside from active health trends, diets have also become more popular these days. With the support from *Jersey Shore* stars to Michelle Obama, millions of people worldwide are trying to live a healthier life.

Locally, one major trend has been protein shakes.

Nancy Simon, owner of Healthy Habits Nutrition Center has a variety of different customers.

“I have customers who

want to lose weight, who are looking for an athletic edge, digestive health, and people looking for a more natural way to lose weight,” said Simon.

Each shake from Healthy Habits has 24 grams of protein, 200 calories and only four grams of fat.

“They are not only a protein shake, but a delicious, healthy meal,” said Simon. “I would like to see more high school athletes in here getting their edge in a healthy way.”

Healthy Habits is open specifically for high school students on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Administration justifies open campus policies that strike controversy

Miranda Masek
Opinion Editor

Open Campus is a privilege that O’Gorman students look forward to having every year. Some confusion exists, however, as public school peers of O’Gorman students receive open campus year round for both juniors and seniors.

“Open lunch is offered to juniors if they have a cumulative average of 85% or higher from all of their semester exams from their freshman and sophomore classes,” said Ms. Valerie Froehlich – Fox, principal at Lincoln High School.

At O’Gorman, juniors aren’t given the opportunity for open campus at all, regardless of test scores. The circumstances, however, are different at the public schools, prompting a different policy.

“Open lunch was instituted a few years ago when the public high schools were thinking of ways to encourage freshmen and sophomores to get in the habit of working hard on their semester exams,” said Fox. “The district semester exams are worth 15% of that class grade, so it becomes a big deal. Semester exams are very important to help students prepare for college and to help them tie information all together for a class.”

At O’Gorman the open campus policy reflects students’ needs. “Our research shows that students’ grades do decline with open campus,” said

Mrs. Joan Mahoney, “There’s also a little bit of a concern for student safety.”

Open campus is offered the last quarter of senior year to “give seniors freedom and responsibility,” said Mahoney. Open campus is also an award if the seniors performed well on the Dakota STEP test as juniors or participate in the magazine drive. “A lot of people love open campus,” said senior Luke Witte, “I would say it’s a good incentive.”

Mahoney agrees that open campus encourages students. “I think it works as a good motivator, but the question is how we maintain solid grades while still offering it to seniors.”

The public schools have success with their open lunch policy. “We have found that having open lunch for juniors who qualify and all seniors has been beneficial in several ways: first, obviously, our semester exams started going up in scores. Second, this incentive has had a very positive effect on students for the overall attitude of juniors. Third, it has helped in our cafeteria – if everyone had to eat here, we would not have enough room,” said Fox.

While open lunch works well for the public schools, it is unlikely O’Gorman would ever change their policy. “I don’t think in the near future it would change. We like what we do now,” said Mahoney. “We need to protect students from themselves.”

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connected with your child’s life,” she said.

As an administrator, Mahoney’s goal is to maintain the level that people expect from O’Gorman. And she said she’s very proud the school.

“O’Gorman is an amazing place. It’s amazing because of the people here, and that’s both the students and the teachers. There’s that level of caring about being successful and that’s also

there with the teachers,” said Mahoney. She also said that this can be credited to the sense of

“It’s amazing because of the people here and that’s both the students and the teachers.”
- Joan Mahoney

community and the faith aspect that binds the school together.

Though much has remained the same in her time at O’Gorman, Mahoney has seen some changes.

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have changed since the Arena was built 50 years ago,” said Cotter. People operating the facility “will see automated controls for lighting, heating and cooling, upgraded video and great sound systems. The fans will see a 360 degree concourse, comfortable seats, many points of [concessions], full clubs to mingle in during an event, and the latest score board technology.”

If the vote for the new events

center is passed, construction would begin in August 2012, and have an estimated completion of fall 2014. The construction will use 85% local contractors.

“This puts local people to work to construct this facility which in turn keeps those dollars in Sioux Falls,” said Cotter.

Mayor Huether, who supports the idea for a new events center, feels that it this project will have great benefits for Sioux Falls.

“The students here put a lot of pressure on themselves when I came 20 years ago; I feel that has only increased. I think our students ask a lot of themselves. And I don’t just mean academically. I think they stretch themselves even further today than they did 20 years ago,” said Mahoney.

“I’m really amazed at the time commitments that our students have placed upon themselves because of their willingness and their wanting to be involved in so many things.”

However, not all the people in the city want to build the new facility. Concern comes with the interest payments as well as the city’s budget.

After four years, interest payment for the building will set in. However, this interest has not been included in the city’s budget.

Opponents argue that if the city is to build a new events center, something must be cut from the budget to account for the interest rate.

Donation of prayer board revives old tradition

Tom Breske
Sports Co-Editor

In memory of Mrs. Julie Bruggeman, a beautiful new prayer board has been placed at the front of the K-wing for use by both students and teachers.

Bringing back the prayer board has also brought back the spirit of Bruggeman, an O'Gorman faithful who never stopped praying.

"Prayer was something that was very important to Mrs. Bruggeman," said Ms. Michelle Shields of the theology department.

The former prayer board was lost amidst construction of the new school. It was located in the O-wing of the old high school.

The picturesque new prayer board is dedicated to 11-year staff member Julie Bruggeman, who lost a tragic battle to cancer.

Donated by her husband, Mark Bruggeman, the board will give anyone the opportunity to write down a prayer on a note card and place it in the display.

Faculty and students at O'Gorman have been craving a

new way to make prayer a part of everyday life.

"It's very inspirational," said senior Ramon Gutierrez. "It makes people want to pray."

The new board will be a beacon of good intentions for the O'Gorman family and the world.

"Students should recognize that prayer is helpful, that we can make a difference in people's lives," said Shields.

"It's a great testament to the unity of our school"

-Charlie Solomon

Memorial cards from funerals or wakes can be pinned to the separate bulletin board to remember and pray for those that have passed.

"[The prayer board] really enhances my religious experience at O'Gorman," said senior Michael Andreone.

The board gives students the

opportunity to place their concerns in the heart of the community.

"I can see it every day, and easily give the prayers a thought," said Andreone

"We can pray for anything, from day to day struggles to worldwide issues," said senior John Schoppert.

When they are taken down, the prayers are offered in the prayer book at the celebration of the Mass in the chapel, which takes place during 4th and 5th period on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"The prayer board makes an excellent addition to our newly renovated school, and carries the message of prayer and gospel values with it," said Shields.

"I think it's a great testament to the unity of our school," said senior Charlie Solomon. "It never hurts to pray."

With the new prayer board, we can make sure to keep praying at O'Gorman. Mrs. Bruggeman's message to pray a little everyday will now live on for decades to come.



CASSIE WILKA/ KNIGHT SCROLL

A student places his intention in the new prayer board. The prayer board was recently donated in memory of Mrs. Julie Bruggeman who taught at O'Gorman for 11 years.

November offers students chance to reflect upon abundant blessings

It is always a great time to be a Catholic! The month of November is no different. While the secular world is celebrating football, pheasant season and grandma's Thanksgiving dinner, the Church calls to mind our relatives, friends and acquaintances who have passed from this world to God.

Death is not one of those realities we like to think of too often, but Christians live our lives in the space where Jesus says: "Do not be afraid!"

All Saints Day was Nov. 1. The month starts out with the vision of faith that we are always surrounded by the saints of God.

We all need friends and like to hang out with those with similar interests and experiences. The saints are the greatest friends as they support, challenge and encourage us in the great competition of life.

The Book of Hebrews 12 says it best that we are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses who help us to be the best ver-



Fr. David Stevens

sion of ourselves at any given moment.

All Souls Day was Nov. 2. I have a list of family, friends and acquaintances over the years who have died. One of my habits is praying for them one by one during my rosary.

All Souls is not meant to be a morbid day. For Christians who strive to live by faith in the resurrection, we know that death is never the final word. God always has the last laugh. (Think of Easter Sunday!)

Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Whenever I come to O'Gorman High School, I love to stop for a moment of prayer in your chapel.

I look at the mementos

of Msgr. Francis Sampson, a priest of our Diocese and a World War II chaplain with a tremendous story.

All American citizens should take a moment to say a prayer for all veterans who have protected the United States since its founding up to today.

Let me wrap things up by recalling one of my favorite places. When I studied in Italy, I loved to go out to the Catacombs of St. Callistus right outside of Rome.

The early Christians dug out miles and miles of passages from the rock. Why? So that they could bury their loved ones, the martyrs and other Christian heroes and ordinary believers with reverence and devotion.

The walls were painted with bright colors and stories from the Bible and symbols of faith.

We can learn much from our Christian ancestors who lived their lives to the full and died with communion with Christ, full of confidence in the resurrection.

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Band finishes marching season

Lauren Bird
Faith Co-Editor

With the assistance of instrumental director, Dr. Duane Niles, effective drum majors, and plenty of student unity, the O’Gorman marching band succeeded this season in more ways than one.

As the marching band season winds down, remembering performances at both Dakota Dome and Orange City helps band members reflect on the success of the season.

“Although the season can get long and tiring, our positive attitude and good leaders help guide us to the end,” said director Dr. Niles. “The music and drills were harder than last year, but the students really came through.”

The changes the marching band adopted this year had an effect on the students as well. “Everyone was weary at the beginning of the year because we changed some commands, but we got used to it,” said senior clarinet player Jessica Eckerstorfer.

“Overall, I think we’ve grown in our discipline and we always have insane amounts of fun.”

This year, the band has adopted a younger crowd, with one third of the band being freshmen.

“We gained a huge freshman class this year, said Eckerstorfer. “At first they were scared of our enthusiasm, but now they’re band geeks like the rest of us.”

The drum majors help tame and lead the raw talent seen in the band in a straightforward direction.

“The drum majors are basically second directors,” said Niles. “They are my go-to people. They start and stop the band.”

On top of the senior leadership involved in the drum major position, many seniors also plan to follow through with their marching band passion in college.

“I am for sure playing my clarinet in college,” said Eckerstorfer. “Marching band has been the best part of high school, so I am not ruling it out.”

Along with many serious soft ballads, the marching band also took on a modern tune for a home game half time production. Shuffling in unison to LMFAO’s Party Rock Anthem, the marching band related to pop culture to



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The marching band plays their field show at the halftime of the homecoming game. The band found success throughout the season at various competitions and performances.

win the attention of the fans.

Attracting the attention of 2011 alumni, the marching band has received help from former marching band students.

Although they have already

shed their marching band attire, alumni could not resist helping the band this summer.

Band members believe that unity is vital for success.

“Unity has always been the

best part of band, we’re a huge majorly dysfunctional family,” said Eckerstorfer. “Band is family.”

Novice historians discover new interest in old subjects

Ellen Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

O’Gorman’s History Club is still somewhat new at the high school. Started only three years ago, the club was actually initiated by students.

“Students were saying we should have something like this and I heard it enough times to think yeah we should be doing that,” said Mr. Jeff Gordon, the adviser of History Club.

This year, the club consists of roughly 35 to 40 students and generally tries to meet about once a month or more if some kind of activity or opportunity presents itself.

Each History Club meeting consists of different activities, but “one can always expect a great time, new experiences and enthusiastic commentary from Mr. Gordon,” said senior member Will Penisten.

A meeting might consist of visiting a museum, hearing from a speaker, discussing historical books or topics, a book give away or coming up with ideas of what to do in the next meeting.

This year, the club has al-

ready visited a traveling World War One exhibit that was visiting the Old Courthouse Museum and will hear from a speaker discussing the Holocaust.

History Club meetings give “me an opportunity to learn more in depth about meaningful events in history while teaching me how to better analyze his-

I originally was not fond of history as a subject, but through joining History Club I found a new interest in it.
- Ryan McGreevy

tory,” said Penisten.

Senior Ryan McGreevy has been involved in History Club since his sophomore year. “History is seen to most people as a requirement, but to some it’s an outlet into the past,” he said. “Not everyone is interested in history, but we all can relate to it somehow.”

“History Club broadens people’s minds, it lifts up history

from a bonding subject to get through, to a new engaging activity that sparks people’s interest,” said Penisten.

“One reason is to have a better understanding of what happened in the past. Another is that you won’t know if you will enjoy something until you try it,” said McGreevy.

Gordon believes that the group element of the club is also an important aspect for students as it allows students to be around others with similar interests.

“I think there are a lot of students in our building who enjoy and appreciate opportunities to belong to groups,” Gordon said.

This year there has been an influx in freshmen at the meetings, though each meeting brings various numbers of students depending on their other activities’ schedules as well as their interests in the topic.

“I got involved in History Club through a friend of mine,” said McGreevy. “I originally was not fond of history as a subject, but through joining History Club I found a new interest in it.”

Club strives for discovery of various world cultures through International Club

Shae Krimmelbein
Activities Co-Editor

When one stumbles across a classroom of babbling students, they find a room that supports a camaraderie that spans across nations. International club has been part of O’Gorman since Kristin Kuchenbecker joined the teaching staff in 2010.

“It’s for Americans to learn about other cultures, and for foreign students to make friends with American students,” said Kuchenbecker.

Kuchenbecker was asked during her job interview if she would be willing to be an adviser for an international club. Considering that she came from Germany, she had the experience with different traditions and customs and was more than willing to be the adviser of the school’s new cultural hotspot.

They decided to give the club a trial run.

For the first meeting, only about seven students attended. The club now has over 50 members, and students come and go from the club as they please.

So far the different activities the club has participated in are playing Korean board games, learning about Oktoberfest, teaching each other different St. Nicholas day songs, learning different dances, making Day of the Dead cookies and learning how other countries celebrate Easter.

“I just like that it exposes you to the other cultures,” said sophomore Rachel Wilson, “It feels like you can just join the culture without visiting the country.”

The two officers or leaders of International club are Lauren Bird and Semehar Ghebrekidan. They have meetings once a month with Kuchenbecker to decide the next club activity. They hold club meetings once or twice a month as well.

“It’s like there’s no diversity in the school, and for me it’s a way to kind of add a little diversity,” said Ghebrekidan.

“I feel like I’m the one who’s going to diversify O’Gorman because there are not many multicultural students there. I feel like I’ll make people more aware of different cultures.”

50 year veteran adds spark to debate team

Miranda Masek
Opinion Editor

O’Gorman has pulled debate legend Bob Stevens out of retirement to invigorate the program.

Recently, the *Knight Scroll* had the opportunity to get to know Mr. Stevens and learn about his new role as head debate coach.

Knight Scroll: What is your background in Debate?

Bob Stevens: I have been involved with debate for over 50 years. I was a high school and college debater at Northern State University.

I taught speech and was the high school debate coach at Redfield, Brookings, Sioux Falls Lincoln and Sioux Falls Washington.

I started the debate program and was the first debate coach at Lincoln High School back in 1965. I coached debate at Washington High School from 1985 to 1991.

KS: What are some highlights from your career in debate?

BS: There are many that I could cite but the ones that jump immediately to mind are consis-

tently having national qualifiers at both Lincoln and Washington. In that first year at Lincoln, I had a young man place 7th in Nationals in Extemporaneous Speaking.

I also was privileged to coach the Washington Policy Debate Team that finished 4th in the nation in 1989.

I also am proud of the fact that I am in the South Dakota Forensic Coaches Hall of Fame and have been recognized by my peers as Forensic Coach of the Year. I also have a Third Diamond Coaching Award from the National Forensic League.

KS: What is your motivation for coaching O’Gorman Debate?

BS: I believe that I have something to offer and, being retired, I have the time to do something that I love.

For the last couple of years, I have judged many area debate and speech tournaments as well as the SD High School Debate Tournament. As I judged, I often thought to myself, “I’m not sure that is the best way to do that.”

Of course, I didn’t dream that I would have the opportunity to find out if my approach still

works.

I initially ignored the announcement for Head Debate Coach at O’Gorman because I wasn’t interested in a full-time job.

However, my good friend Travis Dahle, debate coach at Washington, explained that it wasn’t a full-time teaching position so I decided to look into it.

I guess that feeling “I’m not sure that is the best way to do that” gave me the motivation to try.

After talking with the administration at O’Gorman and Kelly Brose, Assistant Debate Coach, I became convinced that I had something to contribute and it just felt right.

KS: What do you hope to bring to the debate team?

BS: I really want to build a consistent program. I have experience, and I have been successful everywhere I have coached debate.

I plan to use that experience here at O’Gorman. It may seem like a strange comment coming from one who some would consider a “debate dinosaur” but I



JOSH JORGENSEN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Debate coach Bob Stevens helps students organize their thoughts and information during debate practice. Stevens came out of retirement to coach O’Gorman’s debate team.

believe that perhaps I have some new ideas (at least new to these debaters) about how to approach debate and be successful.

KS: What are some goals for the Debate Program and the season as a whole?

BS: Every coach of any activity wants his or her students to do well and achieve their potential. My personal goal is to develop a strong and consistent debate

program here at O’Gorman including a strong novice program with successful competitors in every type of debate.

I sometimes hear O’G Debaters talking about how tough some of our competitors are. I hope that by the end of this year, those competitors are talking about how tough O’Gorman is.

Debate team looks forward to upcoming tournaments

Cassie Wilka
Activities Co-Editor

This year is a rebuilding time for the debate team. With a new coach and excited members, participants hope debate will soon be a prosperous activity here at O’Gorman.

“I think the debate team is the best kept secret at this school,” said senior Simon Scholten. “We are still kind of new and in recruiting mode, but we’re working hard to achieve our goals for the season.”

This year they will be going to about 10 tournaments around the state and in Des Moines, Iowa.

The many different types of debate are what keep this activity exciting. Scholten takes part in public forum, a two person more casual style of debate.

Aside from this form of debate, there is Policy, Extemporaneous and Lincoln-Douglas.

With multiple seniors on the team to show leadership, the season looks to be successful.

Practice is needed just as in any other activity or sport.

“Usually practice is three days a week from right after school to about 6:30,” said Scholten. “If



JOSH JORGENSEN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Varsity debate team members research debate topics. The debate team begins their season with local competitions.

there is a larger competition coming up, like Dowling, or the national qualifier, we’ll put in a lot more time and practice.”

Members hope all of the practice and hard work will pay off in the long run.

“I’m looking forward to doing well in the tournaments, and maybe even placing in finals,” said Scholten. “And I’m especially looking forward to the exciting trips we go on.”

Debate may have the connotation of being a stereotypical, boring activity, but Scholten regrets not joining the team sooner.

“I went to one tournament

at the end of my sophomore year and loved it,” said Scholten. “From then on, I have been participating and wish I could have done this all four years.”

Although debate takes hard work and a lot of practice, anyone can do it if they set their mind to it.

“Anyone who wants to join can come to practice anytime,” said Scholten. “We are really friendly, cool people.”

The excitement of achieving a goal as a team is second to none. Scholten explains, “Debate is really fun and the thrill of winning a round is incredible.”

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Austyn Young shoots for NHL

Josh Jorgensen
Frankie Maxwell

Austyn Young has been balancing school and semi-professional hockey for the Sioux Falls Stampede.

In a recent interview Young sat down with the *Knight Scroll* to discuss his experiences at O'Gorman and playing for the Stampede.

Knight Scroll: What made you choose to come to Sioux Falls for hockey?

Austyn Young: I tried out for the Stampede because I thought I needed to play hockey in the USHL, to advance my career and I made the Sioux Falls Stampede.

KS: Do you like going to O'Gorman, and why did you choose it?

AY: Yes, I like O'Gorman a lot. The kids and the entire faculty are very nice and welcoming to a new student over the last couple years. I chose it because it's a good school and comes with a great education.

KS: How was St. Paul compared to Sioux Falls? What do you like about playing for the Stampede and living in Sioux Falls?

AY: South St. Paul was great; I think they are two very similar towns community wise. What I

like about the stampede and living in Sioux Falls is that the town is very supportive of the team and helps the team out in many ways so they can have the best experience playing here possible.

KS: Was it a hard transition from what you were used to before?

AY: When I moved down here in 11th grade it was a lot different than living at home because you're with a billet family who hosts the players in this league, and you're more on your own.

It's more of a college feeling, but I am used to that now and it's nice.

KS: Is it hard to go to school the first five periods of the day?

AY: Actually I only go for the first four periods this year as to five last year, but it's not bad. I have to make it to practice every day, and you just go to the classes you need to take and leave so it just gets to be a routine after a while.

KS: Is it hard to balance school and hockey with travel and games and practices?

AY: It can definitely get challenging at times, but if you take everything one step at a time it makes it a lot easier, and the teachers at O'Gorman help me get all the homework I need when I need it so it isn't as bad



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Austyn Young sets up to take the puck during a game. He has been attending O'Gorman High School and playing for the Sioux Falls Stampede for two years.

as it seems.

KS: What are your plans for after high school?

AY: My plans for after high school are to attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth for college and play hockey there, and get a degree, and hopefully pursue my hockey career to the pro-

fessional level.

KS: What made you choose the University of Minnesota-Duluth? And how does it feel that they won the national championship last year?

AY: I chose UMD because I love the campus, and I know some guys on the team, and they

are great guys. The organization is top of the line, and I grew up watching them and adapting to their school. It makes me feel good that they won the national championship.

It shows that their organization is doing things right.

Knights aiming for return trip to state championship

Josh Jorgensen
Sports Co-Editor

Defense and special teams have complimented the offense this year as the Knights have reeled off win after win, topping those off with the state's best scoring defense.

An early season heart breaker would have seemed to kill the Knights core, but the next week they dismantled the Warriors and haven't looked back. "(After the loss to Roosevelt) we had to learn, and we did, which made us a better team," said head coach Steve Kueter.

Along with the usual running game by the offense, the passing game has opened up as well creating a dual threat not seen in recent years.

"I credit the line for this. They give Connor time to sit in the pocket and survey the field and make good throws. I don't think we had that last year," said senior defensive back and wide receiver Adam Juhl.

While the passing game continues to improve, the pass defense has stepped up from last year, helping the team maintain the number one scoring defense.

"The linebacker has been the strong point this year on defense, giving us good field positions and good opportunities to score," said Kueter.

Heading into the playoffs, the Knights have earned the coveted first round bye, preparing them for another shot at making it to the dome.

"I think we're doing great. As long as we keep our focus and get done what needs to be done, we should be able to get through the playoffs," said Juhl. "(Making the state championship last year) gives us that sense of determination. We went in last year not really



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The Knights are heading into playoff action with hopes of returning to the Dakota Dome.

understanding it and not knowing how tough it would be. I think it gives us a little bit of an upper hand going into this year's post season.

Besides team achievements, kicker Alex Millard has added to the storied O'Gorman record books. This year he not only broke the South Dakota state record for extra points, but he also passed into number five all time in the nation before missing.

"Alex of course deserves a lot of credit, but also the holder Connor, and snapper Kade, also the line for not allowing a blocked kick," said Kueter.

At the beginning of last year, Millard missed some kicks here and there. "(Last year) the timing was a little off and I was getting to the ball too fast. So we slowed it down and got the ball off better," said Millard.

Lady Knights look for playoff berth

Dusty Haffeman
Staff Writer

It has been a roller coaster of a season thus far for the Lady Knights volleyball team. After jumping off to a 4-0 start, the Lady Knights have hit a road block by dropping eight of their last ten matches.

They are hoping that an easier upcoming schedule will help them gain back lost momentum.

With a recent win against Brookings to end their seven game losing streak, they hope to be headed in the right direction.

"We are anxious," said senior Laura Rezac. "The most important thing we can do right now is to keep a positive attitude heading into districts."

The highlight of the season so far for the Knights was the beating of Lincoln earlier in the year.

This was the first high school victory over Lincoln for the current seniors on the

team.

"One positive that comes out of our current skid is that we are definitely hanging with teams," said Rezac. "Just being able to close the door on our opponents will be something that we have to improve on."

Another positive that has come out of this season is that almost everyone on the varsity roster has gotten a chance to compete at the varsity level.

The upcoming schedule for the Lady Knights consists of a west river trip against Sturgis, Rapid City Central, Rapid City Stevens and Douglas before closing out the regular season at home against Yankton.

The state volleyball tournament begins on Nov. 17 at the Sioux Falls Arena. To make it, they will have to go through district play.

"We just want to take it slow, one game at a time, with the hopes of making it to state," said Rezac.

Golf, tennis take state titles

Tom Breske
Jake Schreck

Golf

The O'Gorman Knights surged through September to a second consecutive state golf championship in early October.

Wins in the conference and city tournaments gave the Knights added confidence for the state tournament in Spearfish.

Slightly behind after day one, the golfers had no doubts, "In my mind, I knew we were going to win it all," said senior leader Jake Rogers.

The Knights came through in Spearfish, staying one stroke behind after day one and pulling away to an eight-stroke victory after round two.

"The best teams in the state were right here in Sioux Falls and Brandon," said coach Rod Garrison. "When we won in the city, our next goal was to win the state tournament."

Five golfers returned from last year's state championship team. They include senior Jake Rogers, who took 13th place in state, junior Austin Simon (15th), junior Collin Hammer, sophomore Chris Gaher (12th), and sophomore Max Donohue (7th).

Junior Nick Bruhn joined the state championship squad to re-

peat in 2011.

"We work so hard all summer and all season, it felt awesome to get back this year and win," said Gaher.

In the city tournament, Donohue earned the individual victory, finishing with a one-under par 71 at Elmwood. This marks his second city championship, after winning last year as a freshman.

Tennis

Oops, they did it again. The O'Gorman Lady Knights Tennis team continued their state dominance with their fifth consecutive state championship.

The Knights once again finished on top, but it wasn't easy. The Knights' dominant streak of championships was in danger of being snapped as the team entered the final day of the state tournament ranked number two, trailing top-ranked Rapid City Stevens by 40 points.

"Getting by our first day mishap and keeping the team together even though we were playing at three different sites [was a struggle]," said head coach Don Barnes.

It may have been a struggle, but at the end of the day, the Knights pulled off the comeback with the help of Morgan and Sidney Brower, who each won sin-



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gles championships, and the duos of Morgan Brower / Jenna Czarnecki and Samantha Czarnecki / Alexis Kosiak, who won doubles championships.

The Knights barely edged out Stevens, with a final standing of 617, compared to Stevens' 613.

"When you win a state tournament by only four points, it takes a total team effort," said Barnes.



LAUREN BIRD / KNIGHT SCROLL

Top: A Knight golfer lines up a putt. The Knights won the state title for the second year in a row. Left: A Knight tennis player returns a serve. The Lady Knights earned their fifth straight state title. Both teams have utilized young talent in their championship runs.

This championship was won by a team that had only two returning players with state tournament experience, so the team had to rely on the talent of many younger players to finish on top.

"The [championships] are all special, but this one was different because we had so many new players," said Barnes. "Working with such a young team had some challenging but rewarding times.

The state tournament was very exciting for the players as well as myself."

The Knights will only lose one senior, Mary Prouse, so the majority of this year's team will be returning next season.

"We will have high expectations next year, as we do every year," said Barnes.

Local cheer squad receives national attention, status

Lauren Bird
Faith Co-Editor

With high-flying jumps and flips, competition cheer has quickly become one of the most dangerous and exciting sports in recent years.

A local team, Dakota Spirit, has gained publicity through triumphs around the country and a Land O' Lakes chocolate milk campaign.

"We have a talented group of girls, but we will be taking on the top teams in the nation which makes for a challenging but fun season," said senior cheerleader Christina Brennan. "Last year's routine was good and it gets harder each year to be better than the last."

Many of the current sideline and competition cheerleaders at O'Gorman participate on the Dakota Spirit team.

Sideline cheer often gives competition cheer a bad reputation. While sideline cheer focuses on crowd involvement and motion technique, competition cheer centers primarily on skill and presentation.

"You could be a good sideline cheerleader without having any tumbling or

jumping skill," said Dakota Spirit team member Paige Welch.

Competition cheer requires intense training, skill, and constant practice.

"Not only does it require intense stamina to make it through a routine, but also grace, flexibility, and cardiovascular endurance," said Welch. "It combines gymnastic elements with stunting and dancing."

Along with their national success at competitions, the team is participating in a video for Land O' Lakes in which they have a shot at winning \$5,000.

"We had to show why our team is unique and how chocolate milk plays a role in our lives," said Brennan.

Showdown, coming soon to O'Gorman High School on Nov. 6, is Dakota Spirit's first performance of the year.

This will be a starting point for the jet-setting team, as they begin to compete in Indianapolis, Dallas, and Orlando.

After winning the second largest competition in the world, JamFest Super nationals, Dakota Spirit aims to rack up even more impressive hardware this year.

Boys XC finishes in top ten; Branick captures 11th place

Veronica Fritsch
Faith Co-Editor

O'Gorman senior Connor Branick and junior Chance Freese were top finishers at the state high school cross country meet, taking 11th and 12th place, respectively.

The cross country team ended the season with the state meet on Saturday Oct. 22 at Yankton Trail Park.

Having the meet at home was advantageous to the Knights, according to senior Connor Branick. "It allowed us to familiarize ourselves with the course and not have any surprises," said the Knights' top runner. The girls course was 2.49 miles and the boys course was 3.11 miles.

Keegan Miles, Sam Maxwell, Ben Fichter, Lukas Pitzl and Kinard Sproles also helped the Knights this past Saturday.

The boys team ended up taking ninth place in the state, with 222 points.

"It is always fun to run against the best runners in the state and see where you rank. It is a great way to end the season," said Branick.

The girls cross country team was led by sophomore Lydia Anderson, who placed 29th in the state. Alyssa Bornhoft,



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Knight runners compete in a recent cross country meet. The Knights finished 9th at the state cross country meet.

Bekah Ridder, Madyson Muller, Klarissa Kobernusz and Ally Beacom also contributed to the overall efforts of the Lady Knights. The girls team ended up placing 13th with 301 points.

Band releases new record after eight year hiatus

Jake Schreck
Entertainment Co-Editor

It has been a long road to the release of Blink-182's new album, *Neighborhoods*.

After the band released the self-titled album *Blink-182* in 2003, the band continued touring through 2004 and into 2005, when vocalist/guitarist Tom DeLonge left the band and Blink went on an "indefinite hiatus".

DeLonge went on to form the band Angels and Airwaves, while vocalist/bassist Mark Hoppus and drummer Travis Barker formed +44.

It seemed as if Blink would never return, that is, until Barker was involved in a plane crash that killed four of the six people on board. Barker suffered severe third degree burns, and while in the hospital he was visited by his former band mates DeLonge and Hoppus.

The trio then reunited at the Grammys in 2009, and announced that they would be making music together again.

Two years later the new album *Neighborhoods* was finally released on Sept. 27.

When taking into account what the band has been through over the last few years, it is no surprise that this album is a dark one.

These are no longer the young

guys who ran naked through the streets in "What's My Age Again?",

Gone are the songs about the band's love for canines and Hoppus' tales of his grandfather eating too many hot dogs on Labor Day.

This should be no surprise to fans of the band, which already saw the change in musical direction on *Blink-182*, which was a much more mature, darker album than the band's previous hit albums, *Enema of the State* and *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket*.

The album opens with "Ghost on the Dance Floor" which is a definite highlight on the album.

The song is reportedly about DJ AM, a close friend of Barker who died of a drug overdose in 2009 after surviving the horrific plane crash with Barker.

Barker's drums kick start the album followed by haunting synthesizers to go along with DeLonge's guitar riff.

The arena-ready "After Midnight", the second single from the album, is another very strong track, in which Hoppus and DeLonge trade off vocals about trying to repair a broken relationship.

The anthemic "This is Home" has lyrics that recall the old Blink. DeLonge sings of finding comfort in youth and not wanting to grow up, a theme appropriate for these



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After four years apart, Blink-182, (from left to right, Tom DeLonge, Travis Barker, and Mark Hoppus) reunite to record their new album, *Neighborhoods*. It opened at number two on the Billboard charts and sold 151,000 copies in its first week.

men, all now fathers in their mid-30s who became famous for their toilet humor and wild antics.

The album closes with "Even if She Falls", the most positive sounding song on the album, and

my personal favorite.

This love song is a great change of pace following the darker tone of the rest of the album.

Neighborhoods is a consistent-

ly good album that stacks up against any rock album made in the last few years.

Album Grade - A

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Latest fashion trends hit shelves this winter with affordable prices

Veronica Fritch
Activities Co-Editor

As the colder months approach, the fall and winter seasons give high fashion designers the opportunity to revamp past trends and instill new ones.

And with Fashion Week just recently taking place, retailers are filling their windows with this season's latest looks inspired by the New York and Milan runways- at a fraction of the cost.

Target is one of the retailers that first introduced the idea of offering high fashion lines for women on a budget. Zac Posen, Alexander McQueen, Jean Paul Gaultie and Isaac Mizrahi have all designed specific lines tailored for the Target shoppers.

Retailers following in these footsteps have found this type of move to be a successful marketing ploy.

By offering high fashion at an affordable price, women can constantly update their wardrobes with the latest trends.

This season, designers encourage taking timeless pieces already in your closet and accessorizing them with layers and various hues of color.

Cozy pullover sweaters can be revamped by adding a pair of either leggings or over the knee socks, along with some type of textured print- a huge trend this season.

Colors are also being heavily emphasized this winter. Although vibrant colors should be reserved for summer, accessorizing an outfit with a bright scarf, bag, hat, or pair of boots can help focus an outfit.

Incorporating these few trends into your winter wardrobe can help revamp your closet and keep your wardrobe looking fresh.



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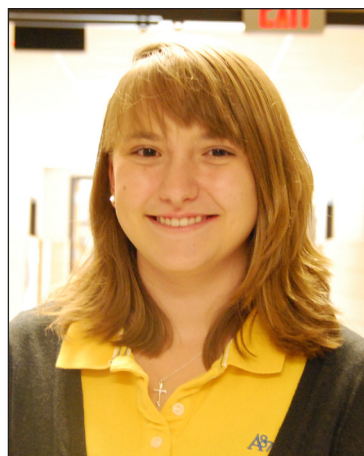
"Definitely not Mr. V."



"Bruno Mars!
Just returning the favor"



"Mr. Konz, he's pretty cool"



"The Pope"

Students urged to remember meaning of Thanksgiving

Shae Krimmelbein
Activities Co-Editor

Thanksgiving is the time of year when people come together to celebrate national tradition and its partner: food and football.

Most families take this opportunity to break out the deep fried turkey, the mashed potatoes and gravy, the cranberry sauce, stuffing and pumpkin pie.

People remember these foods from their childhood, and also remember the leftovers that comprised the bulk of their diet for the next month and a half.

It can take days to cook everything, or no time at all. However, the point is to come together with those you're thankful for, and give thanks.

Sadly, this whole holiday, like many others, has been torn apart by commercialization. When Thanksgiving comes around all we see are little figurines of pilgrims and Native Americans in shelves in every store.

Then there are Butterball turkeys just screaming "take me home." More than 45 million turkeys are sold each year for Thanksgiving, which is one-sixth of all turkeys sold per year.

Thankfully, this never seems to ruin the peace and happiness for families.

It is during this time of year that families can come together before winter and stop fighting. Siblings that bicker once in a while end their childish jeering for a short time.

Grandparents open their homes to the rest of their family before the cold sets in and Christmastime draws near.

Thanksgiving is the heartwarming holiday,



even if it is about our ancestors. We still manage to remember and celebrate what kept this land alive before it even became a country: food and friends.

Stores are concentrating more on cartoon turkeys and Charlie Brown and the upcoming Christmas season. Thanksgiving gets lost in the shuffle between Halloween and Christmas.

As you move through this coming Thanksgiving, remember the following tips:

1. *Don't worry about the shopping.*

Many people forget almost entirely about the holiday only to scan the newspaper ads to see what is on sale on Black Friday. Remember to take time and enjoy your family.

2. *Do something different.* While Thanksgiving is steeped in tradition, try to find something you can do that you will remember. Whether it is making a donation to a local charity or helping a neighbor, make the holiday about giving back as well.

3. *Actually say thanks.* It's one thing to be thankful. It's quite another to actually *tell* others you are thankful. Don't forget to tell mom or dad just how thankful you are for the sacrifices they make.

4. *Help cook.* Holiday memories are often special when we take a direct role in them. Don't be afraid to don the apron and help in the kitchen.

5. *Rest and recuperate.* School is a taxing endeavor. Be sure to take some time over the long break to enjoy yourself and the company of others. Even though you might have some homework to accomplish, take time to enjoy your family and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Time has arrived for school to evaluate magazine fundraiser, take new course

Annual fundraiser slowly losing appeal, effectiveness

Staff Editorial

O'Gorman has always been a school moving forward. From education to construction, O'Gorman has always thought about both the *present* and the *future*. However, one area that has fallen behind has been the annual magazine fundraiser.

For the last two years O'Gorman has failed to meet its goal. That fact is further a concern as last year the total school goal was not increased.

This all begs the question – why?

In today's age of technology, magazines have become obsolete – and the numbers prove it. In the first half of 2010 alone, magazine sales slid 1.2% nationwide.

Individuals are simply uninterested in buying magazines when they can read them online for free.

Most magazines have a Web site that allows readers to find content for free. Likewise, as devices such as iPads become available, readers can take thousands of magazines anywhere at any time.

The other factor is that many students have little reason to care about magazine sales anymore.

Open campus and open lunch are poor incentives for some students to sell magazines. Sophomores – who often see a dip in sales – have little incentive to sell as they earn dress down days and little else.

Moreover, students really don't care about a day off when they typically will be gone anyway during state basketball time.

However, O'Gorman must have a way to fundraise. Without the magazine fundraiser, how would the vari-

ous activities and sports raise money?

Maybe it's time to go to individual fundraisers for different activities. After all, the choir already sells coffee in addition to magazine sales, and the Oral Interp team is starting to sell "Speech Stock" to raise money for the team.

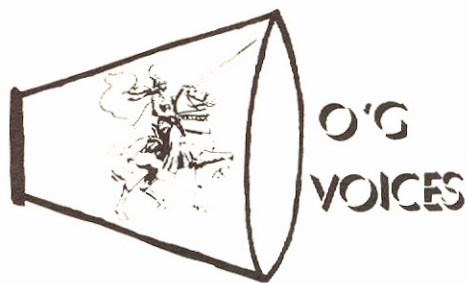
If the school wants to keep magazine fundraising, then incentives need to improve. Longer periods of open campus and open lunch for seniors and juniors may entice them to sell.

Taking the day off at a time incongruous with state basketball might make students appreciate it more.

As the school moves forward, new approaches to fundraising must be sought. Eventually magazine sales will die out, and O'Gorman doesn't want to be left without a subscription to a strong future.

Top 10 Fall Shows

1. The Office
2. Pretty Little Liars
3. Modern Family
4. Glee
5. Two and a Half Men
6. The Walking Dead
7. 30 Rock
8. How I Met Your Mother
9. It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia
10. Sons of Anarchy



It is the conviction of the "Knight Scroll" staff that the paper should be a sounding board for ideas of concern to the O'G student body. In "Manifesto" the staff members have tried to stimulate thinking and interaction about such subjects. The last "Manifesto" was a hard-hitting demand for impeachment of President Nixon. This issue carries a rebuttal of that statement. Because of the response to the topic after last issue we decided to run a poll of the O'G student body, to give each of you a chance to voice your convictions. The questions and tabulated responses are as follows:

- In light of the facts uncovered within the last year please answer the following questions as objectively as possible: (Note-Impeachment is defined as- "To charge a public officer, before a competent tribunal, with misbehavior in office."
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| 1. Should the congress carry out impeachment proceedings against President Richard M. Nixon? | Yes 225 | No 126 | Undecided 114 |
| 2. Should the president resign from office? | Yes 254 | No 135 | Undecided 87 |
| 3. Should impeachment proceedings and further investigation of the President be dropped? | Yes 68 | No 331 | Undecided 71 |

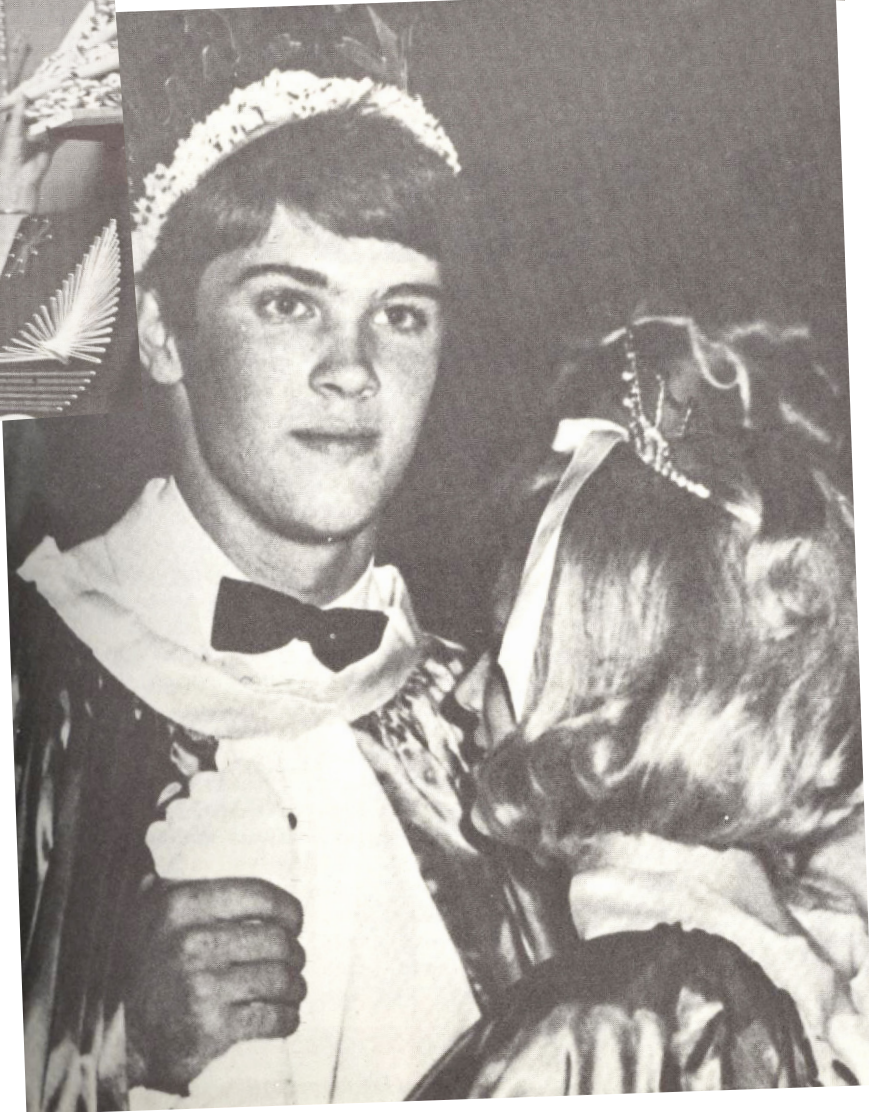
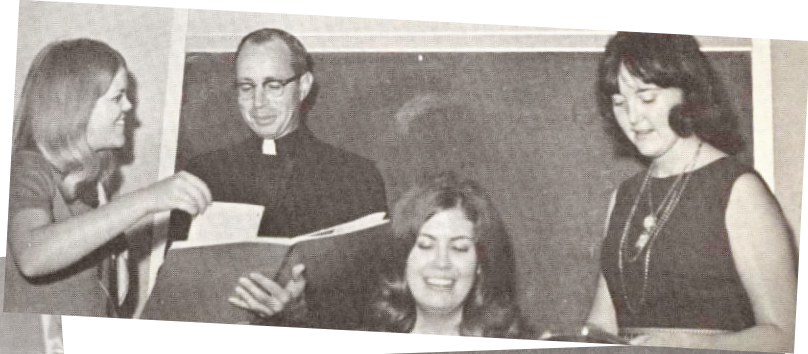
The response to the poll was not complete. Out of about 650 students polled through home rooms, only around 475 opinions were returned. Few comments were made. The major impression gained was that of resentment at what was considered a betrayal of trust, as in the statement, "A president is supposed to lead a country the right way." A few rose to the defense of the president, as well as expressing anxiety for the country in case of impeachment. Others indicated they felt impeachment must continue, "If for no other reason, to prove him innocent."

Longtime teacher shares 1970s school memories

Jeff Gordon
Guest Writer

I graduated from college in 1977 and arrived at O'Gorman High School in the fall of that year. This was my first teaching experience, so I didn't really have anything to compare it to. In the first year I taught US History and Psychology. For history classes, O'Gorman was on the quarter system. Every nine weeks students would take a class regarding a specific time in US History. I remember I taught New Beginnings, which was on the Revolutionary period. The principal was Fr. Wagner. He lived in the building in an apartment adjacent to the main office. I will always be indebted to him for hiring a 22 year-old with no experience. After my first year, Dr. Lorang arrived as our assistant principal, and the process of change began. During this time period, O'Gorman experi-

ence significant faculty turnover. The staff was very young, and many people came and left every year. If I remember correctly, the entire Science Department left one year. As is true today we had a number of students with great ability, but we did not have advanced classes or AP classes. Our curriculum has undergone major renovation over the years. O'Gorman was known for a variety of activities back then: plays, music, our football team went undefeated and the Dakota Bowl was in its infancy. We had Mass every Wednesday, and our chapel was tucked away across from the main office. Overall, the students treated each other well. I felt very comfortable in school and at activities. I would say that to a certain extent student behavior was more liberal - some students smoked in the restrooms, and card playing was common in study hall.



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